



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

November 12, 1997

S. 813

Veterans' Cemetery Protection Act of 1997

As cleared by the Congress on November 8, 1997

S. 813 would direct the United States Sentencing Commission to increase the penalties, including criminal fines, for offenses against property at national cemeteries. Enacting the act could increase governmental receipts from collections of fines, but we estimate that any such increase would be significantly less than \$500,000 annually. Criminal fines are deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and are spent in the following year. Thus, any change in direct spending from the fund would also amount to less than \$500,000 annually.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. This estimate was approved by Paul N. Van de Water, Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.